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immediate attention. Those wishing situations can be
supplied by calling at my office. By adhering to the Golden
Rule, I hope to merit a share of public patronage. a21

LETTER FROM SACRAMENTO.

MR. EDITOR:—Considerable excitement has
existed in our Fire Department within the past
few days, occasioned by the Common Council
making a move towards depriving the companies
of their quarterly appropriations, and reducing
the Chief Engineer's salary to a mere nominal
figure; in fact the economical members thought
'honor' was pay enough for the Engineer; and
that the companies did not make proper use of
the fifty dollars.

There is not a man in the Council that knows
a goose neck from a tail screw, and probably
taking the advice of some Jury firemen, (who
are conversant with the duties of a fireman, so
far as paying their fines, dues and assessments
are concerned, and no further,) presumed they
could manage the members of the Department as
they thought proper, and by refusing the ap-
propriations, and reducing the salary, would receive
the plaudits of the tax-payers, while the firemen
would quietly submit to the indignity; but they
reckoned without their host, and a communica-
tion appearing in the State Journal, had the ef-
fect of convincing the Aldermen that they were
on the wrong track; consequently, like prudent
men, they have quietly switched back, and affairs
are likely to jog on as usual. A move will be
made to do away with Stewards for the Depart-
ment; the city now paying \$2000 per year for
the services of two men, whose duty it is to clean
the apparatus, mend hose, &c., but the initiatory
step has been taken by Engine Company No. 4,
to have that amount distributed among the com-
panies, and let the firemen do the work them-
selves, or hire it done, as may best suit. They
have instructed their delegation to vote for re-
questing the Council to carry that wish into ef-
fect, and the probability is they will succeed.—
The Hook and Ladder Companies will be large
gainers by the change; also the Hose Company,
and their votes are surely counted on. Hook &
Ladder Company, No. 1, had a benefit at the
Theatre last Saturday evening. The house was
crowded, and the firemen generally took a lively
interest in its being a bumper, and rejoice at
their success, the company realizing \$1,000. I
learn that Engine Co. No. 2, and Hook and Lad-
der Co. No. 2, contemplate having a joint benefit
for the purpose of repairing their houses, divid-
ing the main hall, &c. I anticipate they will
also have a crowded house, as they have a host
of friends. It is also stated that Engine Co. No.
4, are going to try their luck, having lost some
\$1,500 by the July fire, they think they can safely
claim a share of the spare change. Their 1st
Assistant Foreman, R. B. Wilcox, resigned his
office last Monday evening, and Jacob Grune-
baum was elected in his place. M. Phillips was
elected Second Assistant Foreman, vice Mr.
Grunebaum, promoted. Mr. Phillips was formerly
Assistant Foreman of Hose Co. No. 14, of
New York, and is considered a good choice. Mr.
Grunebaum was a member of Red Jacket Engine
Co., of Chicago.

Engine Co. No. 3, are daily expecting 65 New
York caps. They are to be extra, and are put
down here at a cost of \$16 each. Engine Co. No.
5 have made arrangements to receive their new
Engine by the Panama route. It is estimated
the freight will amount to \$1,000. The company
is to furnish the excess of freight. The engine
is one of Button's best, with the latest improve-
ments, and 10 inch cylinders. Engine No. 1 is
still at the painters, and will not be ready for
the annual parade on the 4th of June, but will
be on hand at your place on the 4th of July.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2 was lately incor-
porated, and elected A. C. Folger, President,
George W. Wallace, A. C. Folger and James Mc-
Guire, Trustees. They intend to have the iron
and brass work of their Truck silver plated.—
Engine No. 4, has lately been re-painted and
varnished, and looks as good as new. Engine
No. 2 still flourishes as usual; they drill every
Monday evening, and the engine is in the best of
order. Hose Co. No. 1, are quietly "waiting
for the wagon," which was ordered two years
since. No. 4 have tired of that employment, and
will in due time make a move for one of Button's,
providing they do not receive positive informa-
tion that Smith intends fulfilling his contract.—
The Council, in case he sends the apparatus or-
dered, intends paying the cash on arrival.—
More anon. SACRAMENTO.

It is well remarked that the grave buries every
error—covers every defect—extinguishes every
resentment. From its peaceful bosom springs
none but fond regrets and tender recollections.
Who can look down upon the grave of an enemy
and not feel a throb that he should have warred
with the poor handful of earth that lies mould-
ering before him?

Love, the toothache, smoke, a cough and a
tight boot, are things which cannot be kept se-
cret very long.

It has been humanely given to members of
Parliament to admire their own speeches, or else
they never could speechify so much as they do.

Every woman is in the wrong until she cries—
and then she is in the right instantly.

A tragedy is often the safety-valve of insanity.
The man who lends an umbrella is a real phil-
anthropist—sacrificing himself for the benefit of
his species.

The life of a fool could no more go on without
excitement, than a pantomime could without
music.

There is a craving in almost every man's breast
for a latch key.

Every woman's mother has been beautiful.
True heroism consists in passing the bottle
when you see that there is but one glass of wine
left in it.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.

A Special Meeting of the Board of Delegates
was held at their Chambers in the City Hall, on
Saturday evening, May 19th, 1855, at 7 o'clock.
President F. L. Jones in the Chair. Twenty-
five members present.

The call for the meeting was read, it being
"For the purpose of investigating the disposi-
tion that has been made of the funds arising
from the Fire Bonds."

Mr. Mahony, of Sansome H. & L. 3, presented
the following:—

FLORENCE MAHONEY, ESQ.—
SIR:—Having seen your name with others,
signed to a request upon the "President of the Board
of Delegates to call a meeting of the same, as soon as
possible, for the purpose of investigating the disposi-
tion that has been made of the funds arising from the
Fire Bonds;" and in order to facilitate your investi-
gation of the matter, I herewith enclose to you a full
and correct statement of all transactions arising out
of the sale of the "Fire Bonds." Any other particu-
lars you may desire upon the subject, so far as I am
able, I shall very cheerfully place before you.
Very Respectfully, your obt. serv't,
DAVID S. TURNER,
City Treasurer,
and Sec'y to the Commissioners of Fire Bonds.

Statement of the City Treasurer of the receipts and
disbursements of monies received from the sale of the
ten per cent. Fire Department Bonds:—

Dr.	Cr.
May 1. To amount received from John Ferry, Jr. for \$200,000 of Bonds sold him at ninety cents on the dollar, \$180,000 00	
May 1. To Cash on hand to the credit of the ten per cent. Fire Department Bonds, 146,337 50	
Dec. 28, '55 By amt't paid warrant favor Empire Engine Co., \$5,000 00	
Feb. 15, '55 By amt't paid warrant favor Columbian Engine Co., 4,500 00	
Feb. 17. By amt't paid warrant favor Crescent Engine Co., 5,000 00	
Feb. 19. By amt't paid warrant favor Pennsylvania Engine Co., 7,000 00	
March 8 By amt't paid warrant favor Empire Engine Co., 6,562 50	
March 11. By amt't paid warrant favor St. Francis H. & L. Co., 5,000 00	
April 11. By amt't paid warrant favor Young America Engine Co., 600 00	
April 30. By Cash to balance, 146,337 50	
	\$180,000 00

Made to the Board of Delegates of S. F. F. D.
San Francisco, May 17th, 1855.

DAVID S. TURNER,
City Treasurer,
and Sec'y to the Commissioners of Fire Bonds.

Mr. McCarty, of Howard 3, presented the fol-
lowing resolution, which was passed:

Resolved, That the Mayor, City Treasurer,
and Comptroller be acquitted by this Board of
the suspicion of having improperly invested the
funds arising from the Fire Bonds, and that this
resolution be published in the "Fireman's Jour-
nal," and the papers making the charge.

A member of the Board arriving late, the pro-
ceedings were read over for his information,
when Mr. Shepard, of 11, moved that all the
proceedings thus far be laid on the table.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.
Mr. Biden, of 10, moved a reconsideration of
what had been done by the Board relative to the
Fire Bonds. The motion was carried, ayes 12,
nays 11.

Mr. Shepard moved that the whole matter be
indefinitely postponed. The motion was lost,
ayes 4, nays 19.

Mr. McCarty hereupon took from the file of
the Secretary the resolution exonerating the
"Fire Bond Commission" from suspicion, and
destroyed it.

The Secretary appealed to the Board that its
papers might be protected.

Mr. Hobe, of No. 1, moved that Mr. McCarty
be requested to supply the Board with a copy of
the resolution destroyed. The motion was car-
ried, ayes 22—unanimous.

Mr. Kent, of No. 5, moved that Mr. McCarty
be censured by the Board, for his conduct to-
wards the President and Secretary, and the
Board generally.

Mr. Shepard offered as an amendment, that the
"Howard Company be requested to send another
Delegate in place of Mr. McCarty."

Mr. Sinton, of No. 6, offered as a substitute,
which was accepted, "that the Secretary notify
Mr. McCarty to appear and show cause why he
should not be expelled from the Board, for his
conduct this evening. The substitute was lost;
ayes 7, nays 15.

Mr. McCarty having returned, was called up-
on to explain his conduct, which he refused to do;
whereupon—

Mr. Hobe moved that Mr. McCarty be expell-
ed from the Board. The motion was carried,
ayes 14, nays 8.

The resolution calling for the appointment of a
Committee of Five, to inquire into all matters
relating to the attachments on the "Fire Bond
Funds," was taken up and passed. The Commit-
tee consisting of Messrs Florence Mahoney, of
Sansome H. & L. 3; H. K. Cummings, Pennsylv-
ania 12; E. B. Vreeland, of Knickerbocker 5;
D. C. McCarthy, of Empire 1; and J. B. Moore,
of Volunteer 7. On motion, the Chief Engineer
was added to the Committee.

The resolution exonerating the "Fire Bond
Commission," was then taken up and passed.

A resolution, offered by Mr. Moore, relative to
obtaining a description of the property of the
attaching parties, was laid on the table.
The Board then adjourned.

Troy.—The receipts of the Trustees of the
Troy Fire Department for the last year were
\$1,270 98, and expenditures \$623 17. They
have invested on bond and mortgage \$1863 68.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Members of the Knickerbocker No. 5:
GENTLEMEN:—Your gallant exertions this
morning in saving our city from what might have
been general destruction, merits an acknowl-
edgment from every citizen and resident.

Allow me herein to tender mine, and record my
high appreciation of such a Fire Department as
San Francisco possesses, and which I do not hesi-
tate to say is unequalled in any other part of
the world.

That such a noble brotherhood, associated for
so purely a philanthropic object be united and
prosperous, is the earnest wish of gentlemen,
respectfully, your obedient servant,
San Francisco, May 18th. J. W. BAILEY.

I do myself the pleasure of forwarding as a
donation to the Knickerbocker General Funds, a
sample of "Heidsieck," and I think I need not
dictate as to its disposal.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19th, 1855.
J. W. BAILEY, Esq.—Dear Sir:—I acknowl-
edge, on behalf of Knickerbocker Engine Co.
No. 5, receipt of your highly complimentary
note, and accompanying liberal present.

Your flattering notice of our efforts yesterday
morning, creates within us a feeling of honest
pride—not in the consciousness of having per-
formed extraordinary deeds—but that our exer-
tions, whether humble or meritorious, were ap-
preciated; and that, through us, you have hon-
ored the motive, and will, that inspires the Fire
Department in their labor of love.

In behalf of that Department permit me to say
that the just appreciation of their services by
their fellow-citizens, is their greatest reward.—
And for the Knickerbockers, whom you have se-
lected from the many, for especial favors, our
thanks, and the hope that you may never have
occasion to find your reward in the receipt of their
"active services."

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
C. E. BUCKINGHAM,
Foreman,
In behalf of Knickerbocker Engine Co. No. 5.

The Knickerbocker Magazine says:
"Heard a good story last night, over a glass of
good hock, (the wine that 'Old Speck,' of the
Mohawk Valley, had 'a queer notion of,' if I re-
member you rightly.)

'I was stopping last summer,' said our host,
'at Cape May. As usual, I was at Harwood's,
and of course my wife was with me.

'About two o'clock one morning, I was awak-
ened by a 'reveille' tap from my better half.—
'For gracious sake,' she whispered, 'if you want
to laugh, just listen to that gentleman and his
wife hunting a mouse in the next room.'

'Es-ee-aw!' I murmured, half awake.
'Now do just wake up. To-morrow when I
tell the story, you'll be sorry that you wasn't
awake to the reality.'

'Thus adjured, I woke up in right earnest, too
late to hear any of the mouse-hunt, but just in
time to hear the next room door opened, and a
little quavering, dandy voice, (which I recogniz-
ed at once as that of Prinkie,) call out to some
distant night-walker:

'Wai-taw, wai-taw, wai-taw!'

(No answer.)

'Po-taw, po-taw, po-taw!'

(No answer.)

'Watch-man, watch-man, watch-man!'

'That's me sir,' growled a deep voice.

'Watch-man, come here directly! We're in
gware twubble. There's a mouse in this apart-
ment, and it nibbles around in the most dis-
tasteful manner. I spoke to Mr. Ha'wood about
it, and he promised to have mouse removed, but
he hasn't done it. Aw think it wery unhandsome
conduct of Mr. Ha'wood, to allow the mouse to
wemain, after promising that it should be we-
moved. Watch-man, Mrs Pinkie is wery ap-
pwehensive of mice. Can't you come in and
catch the cweature?'

'Fraid not, sir. It's too late, and I should be
sure to wake up some boarders as mightn't like it.'
'How widikulous! Well, (a long pause) watch-
man, couldn't you just step down to the bow-
room, and get some cweackers and cheese, and en-
tice the animal out into the entwy?'

'A brief remark from the watchman that the
bar was closed, sent Mr. Prinkie back into his
mouse-haunted dormitory. Fortunately the
'cweature' ceased its nibbling, and a dead calm
soon reigned over that portion of friend Har-
wood's 'college' known as the 'New Building.'

He wore a flashy waistcoat on the night when
first we met, with a flaming pair of whiskers and
imperial of jet. His air had all the haughtiness,
his voice the manly tone of a gentleman worth
forty thousand dollars, all his own. I saw him
but a moment, but methinks I see him now, with
a very flashy waistcoat, and a beaver on his brow.
And once again I saw that brow—no flashy tile
was there, but a shocking bal 'un was his hat,
and matted was his hair. He wore a brick with-
in his hat—the change was all complete, and he
was flanked by constables, who marched him up
the street. I saw him but a moment, methinks I
see him now, charged by these worthy officers
with kicking up a row!

One of our western villages passed an ordi-
nance, forbidding taverns to sell liquor on the
sabbath to any persons except travelers. The
next Sunday every man in town who wanted a
"nip," was seen walking around with a valise in
one hand and two carpet bags in the other!

PHILADELPHIA.—The receipts of the Phila-
delphia Association for the relief of disabled
Firemen, for the last year were \$3,194 78, and
expenditures \$3,045 00.

The Fireman's Journal.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, Editor.

SAN FRANCISCO:

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 26, 1855.

We are gratified to state to our friends that the liberal patronage bestowed upon our efforts, not only guarantees the future success of the "FIREMAN'S JOURNAL," but warrants us in enlarging to double its present size. We might have preferred giving a constant summary of news most interesting to our readers, in our present unpretending sheet; yet this we know would not meet their wishes, inasmuch as we would be compelled to omit the detail of much that would interest them. Our enlargement will enable us to give the Journal something of a literary cast, and we calculate to publish not only such original miscellaneous matter as we may consider worthy a place in our columns, but also many gems from the choicest periodicals of the day. Our future numbers will show no lack of energy on our part, to please the most fastidious, and if we are successful in pleasing all, we shall accomplish our desires.

The Journal has now a very large circulation—far beyond our most sanguine expectations—and is rapidly increasing. It circulates in every part of the State, and to some of the larger cities more Journals are sent than any other weekly paper published in the city. We therefore suggest to business friends, that our paper is an excellent medium to give publicity to their business cards and advertisement.

The first number, enlarged, will be issued on the 9th of June, when we shall publish several thousand extra papers for general circulation. Advertisers for that number will oblige us by handing in their favors as early as possible.

The avidity with which the daily press have lately seized upon every item concerning the Fire Department, and enlarged and descanted upon the same, is truly refreshing, and could all be impressed with the belief that it was entirely disinterested, it might call forth something more than a formal notice from the Department; but unfortunately, the gross inconsistencies apparent in the newspaper notices, on the matters alluded to, disarm us of any such idea. The blanket sheets, bolsters and pillow cases of the press, have all had something to say to the Department, [and in the most paternal manner,] how the 'Fire Bonds' should be appropriated to the very best advantage, pointing out the illegality of the money arising from their sale being given to any other purpose than the purchasing of lots and building engine houses; citing passages of ordinances and law, to bear them out in their assertions.—It is rather late in the day, however, for any such advice from such a source. When the Bonds were first sold, why did not these same unasked and voluntary advisers condemn the bare faced swindle which allowed brokers and speculators to put money in their purses at the expense of the Department? Why did not the press at that time unite its potential voice, to save the Department the twenty thousand dollars which went into the coffers of those who care about as much for the Firemen at heart, as if they did not exist under such an organization? Why did not the press, which now speaks so confidently of the affairs of the Department, and evinces so much interest for its welfare, denounce the wrong, which was being inflicted on its prosperity, by allowing John Perry, Jr., a broker, and at the time a member of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, the privilege of speculating on the Department? It was as illegal an act as ever was committed, if anything can be illegal in San Francisco; but for some reason best known to the conductors thereof, the press had not a word to say upon the subject, unless we except the 'Chronicler,' which had the independence we believe to express its doubts on the legality of the matter. Again we ask, why did not the press, [when two months ago the city was sued by the purchasers of water lots, to get back the money paid by them for property which it was afterwards decided they could not hold, and they levied attachments upon everything available belonging to, or supposed to belong to the city, the 'Fire Bond' money included,] pronounce upon the injustice of the act to the Firemen? But no, they remained perfectly silent, until, by a determined action of the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department, the matter is laid bare to the gaze of the community, and we hear a wail of sorrow going up "that the Fire Bonds in the hands of the Treasurer are under attachment." And what has been the result? Delay has followed delay; the first spadeful of earth has not been turned up, or a brick laid, to give token that the apparatus of the Department will be any better sheltered during the next rainy season, than it has been for the last two or three years. This 'Fire Bond' money should never have been attached, and especially by parties owning property in this city, who are so much indebted to the Fire Department for its preservation. It was nothing more or less than a special deposit made by the people of San Francisco for a specified ob-

ject. It ought not to have been molested, but should have been looked upon as a sacred trust. By reference to another column, it will be perceived that the Board of Delegates have appointed a committee to inquire into and report upon the matter, and endeavor to procure the release of the attachments. We trust that it may be favorable, for although we are perfectly well aware that there is no such a spirit as "retaliation" pervading the Department, yet its members will be greatly disheartened if something definite is not done in the matter, and houses given to them, fit for human beings to assemble in.

We must again call the attention of the Common Council to the necessity of extending the fire limits of the city. The fire on Sacramento street last week, shows that such action is demanded. The buildings destroyed on that occasion were just out of the fire limits, and no more, the westerly side of Front street being the limit. Alderman Buckingham presented an ordinance some time since, to extend the fire limits. It was passed in the Board of Aldermen, and defeated in the Assistant Board. The ordinance was as follows, [with the exception that we have inserted "Powell Street," as the easterly line, instead of Stockton street, as it is absolutely necessary to protect those neighborhoods so far distant from water, and so difficult to reach in time with fire apparatus,]

"Beginning at the north west corner of Market and Front streets, running northerly along the westerly line of Front street, to the south west corner of Front and Vallejo streets, thence westerly along the southerly line of Vallejo street, to the south-east corner of Vallejo and Battery streets, thence southerly along the easterly line of Battery street to the south east corner of Battery and Broadway; thence westerly along the southerly line of Broadway, to the south east corner of Broadway and Powell sts., thence southerly along Powell street to the north east corner of Powell and California sts.; thence easterly along the northerly side of the line of California street, to the north east corner of California and Dupont streets; thence southerly along the easterly line of Dupont street, to the north east corner of Dupont and Beale streets; thence easterly along the northerly line of Bush street, to the north east corner of Bush and Kearny streets; thence southerly along the easterly line of Kearny street, to the north east corner of Kearny and Market streets; thence easterly along the northerly line of Market streets, to the place of beginning."

With the passage of the above ordinance, the most stringent measures should be adopted to prevent the erection of frame buildings within the limits therein prescribed, and authority should be given to the Fire Wardens to act promptly, as the exigency of the case should demand, instead of being obliged to take out an unnecessary quantity of legal documents—the only benefit arising from which, is the opportunity given to defendants' attorneys to appeal.—Provision should be made, giving to parties the right to elevate their buildings to the proper grade, for it is a great hardship to compel one part of the population to live in the cellars, and the other in the attics of their houses, for such is the appearance of many, under the new system of grading. We hope Alderman Buckingham will press this matter through.

The Firemen are to have no regular parade on the 4th of July, as has been reported in one of the daily papers. That day belongs exclusively to the military, and the firemen make it a point never to interfere. The anticipated visit of the "Confidence Company," of Sacramento, will probably call the entire Department out on the 3d of July, but not on the day following.

The Committee appointed at the last regular meeting of the Board of Delegates, for the purpose of selecting a suitable location for a 'Fireman's Cemetery,' have been diligently at work since their appointment. They have visited many spots on the outskirts of the city, several of which presented favorable features for the purpose; but a full report of their proceedings will be made at the next regular meeting of the Board, when the selection made by the Committee will be announced. The gentlemen composing the above Committee have taken hold of the matter in a regular business like manner, and have attended to their duties faithfully.

Great complaint has been made of the manner in which the Hall Bell was rung on the occasion of the late fire on Sacramento street. The district was rung a few times, and the bell ceased. The result was that many of the active members of the Department did not hear the alarm at all. The proper way for the bell to be sounded, is to strike the district for at least five minutes, and then ring a general alarm for the same length of time. By this means, all would be aroused. It is vitally important that every man should be at his post, when so great a fire occurs. Will the bell ringers on the Hall take the suggestion into consideration, and add still further to their acknowledged efficiency?

Yesterday morning about 4 o'clock, while the Lafayette H. & L. Co. 2, was proceeding home from the fire at Rincon Point, and when on the corner of Kearny and Commercial streets, brick-bats were thrown at them by a gang of rowdies standing at the corner. One of the brick-bats struck Mr. Costalin, a member of the company, in the stomach, injuring him very badly. As soon as the members could recover themselves from the suddenness of the attack, they made at their assailants with axes, but pistols being drawn on the firemen, further hostilities ceased. As soon as the Chief Engineer heard of the matter, he, together with Assistants Free and Capprise, proceeded to ferret it out, in which he was successful, as far as having several of the guilty parties identified by two of the members of Lafayette Company. We understand that no arrests have been made, but we insist that this is a matter which the Chief Engineer and the Fire Department must not allow to slumber. A more offensive Company than that of Lafayette, there is not in the Department, or one, from the peculiar circumstances of its organization, more deserving of its protection. The attack made upon them so unprovokedly, was outrageous, and those taking part in it should be made to suffer the extreme penalty of the law. The Lafayette Company particularly looks up to the Chief Engineer for protection, and in this instance, as in every other, he must extend it to them. We give fair notice that we shall not remain silent on this subject, for the honor of the Department, if for no other consideration. Some atonement must be made to the Lafayette Company for the gross outrage which has been committed upon them.—The Chief Engineer is in possession of the names of the offending parties; will he act without fear or favor?

It is a fact well known to the Chief Engineer and his Assistants, that there are buildings in this city, entirely unfit, and dangerous for firemen to enter with a pipe, or stand in close proximity to, in case of fire. The proper course to pursue, is to prepare a list of all the dangerous buildings in the city, and have them posted in every engine and truck house in the Department. The firemen should be in possession of such information, for it is too late to pass the word during the excitement of a conflagration, that danger threatens them. The Fire Wardens in New York and elsewhere, are called upon by the laws of the Department, to make regular statements of the existence of unsafe buildings. If there were no unsafe structures in the city, it would be all very well, but having a full knowledge that they do exist, the proper officers of the Department, are remiss in their duty, if they do not take those measures in the premises which will serve to protect its members. The Committee on requirements of the Department, would do well to take the matter into consideration, and present some law to the Board of Delegates, by which the Engineers may be guided.

An infamous attempt was made by a parcel of rowdies to interfere with the bell-ringer, at the California Engine house, on Wednesday evening last, when an alarm of fire was given by 'Vigilant's' bell. They endeavored to prevent its being rung, for the reason that "spouters" of an other kind were wasting their eloquence on the desert air, at a political meeting on the opposite side of the street. As far as California's bell is concerned, there is this much to be said in relation to it. The bell was placed in the cupola for the benefit of the members of that company solely, and when it rings, it is not incumbent upon the remainder of the Department to respond to its call. As for the hangers on of any political gathering threatening to resort to violent measures, should their meetings be disturbed, makes but very little difference, and is all very well as far as it goes, but the bell will be sounded, and right lustily too, whenever the members of No. 4 think there is any good cause for so doing.

We acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the "Yuba Engine Company, No. 2," conveying the gratifying intelligence that they intend visiting the San Francisco Fire Department, on the 4th of July. The "Yuba" had intended to visit Sacramento, to participate in the annual parade of the Department there on the 4th of June; but their arrangement now is, to leave Marysville on the morning of the 21st of July, stopping in Sacramento until the next day, and accompanying the "Confidence Company," of Sacramento, to this city. We can say to the "Yuba's," on behalf of the Department, that their visit will be most acceptable, and it will be the pride of all its members to render their stay happy and agreeable.

We congratulate the 'Vigilant' boys on the safe arrival of their new engine and hose carriage, which arrived here on the clipper ship "Adelaide," on Tuesday last.

Alarms and Fires for the last Week.

May 22, 10 o'clock P. M.—Alarm from Vigilant 9's bell. The entire Department out.—Slight fire on John street; no damage.

May 24th, 12 P. M.—Hall Bell alarm; seventh district, Rincon Point; bay wharf of Benson & Co. Hay to the amount of \$2000 destroyed; damage to the wharf \$500. The entire Department in service; California 4 had the first water; fire was under control in about half an hour after the arrival of the Department. Engines 4 and 7, and H. & L. 2 and 3, were detailed for duty, and did not leave the ground until 4 o'clock A. M. The St. Francis Truck was rolled by three persons, not members of the company, and being unused to the apparatus, and the grade of Sacramento street, giving it considerable velocity, they became alarmed, and dropping the tongue and tiller, left the Truck to take care of itself. The result was, one of the wheels was smashed to atoms, the perch was wrenched and broken fore and aft, and the Truck damaged to the amount of about \$400.

Lafayette H. & L. 2, while proceeding to the fire, along Stuart street, fell through a hole, broke her gong from the fastenings, and it was lost in the depths of mud below. The hose carriage of Manhattan 2, was so badly broken that it was left on the ground, the members not being able to carry it home at the time. During the fire, a member of Lafayette H. & L. 2, working on the brakes of No. 4, fell into the Bay.—The Chief Engineer jumped in after him, and sustained him in the water until they were both drawn up with the aid of Sansome's Hooks and Ladders. Mr. Capprise, the 3d Assistant Engineer, fell through the wharf, and was very much hurt, coming very near losing his life.

Mr. S. Hall, a member of Monumental 6, and who was on the tongue at the time, got his foot through a hole in the wharf, while the engine was going at full speed; with great presence of mind he instantly drew his foot from his foot, and went on, saving his life in a certainly very providential manner.

We give the above items to show what a good state the wharves are in in that section of the city where the fire was, and how safe they are for the firemen to run over with a heavy apparatus, of a dark night.

The planking at the corner of Commercial and Davis streets, was discovered to be on fire on Thursday morning, the remnant of the old fire having blown under the wharf. Information having been given to the Fire Wardens, the planking was ripped up, and the fire extinguished. Had it been allowed to slumber until night, serious damage might have ensued. The Engineers cannot be too careful, in having the embers of every fire entirely extinguished before the Engine Companies take up.

In consequence of the exceeding bad reputation the city has attained, owing to the refusal of the "Fathers" to pay all bills, either legal or equitable, it is impossible to obtain oil and other necessities to prepare the new hose, purchased for the Department, before the companies can receive them. Something must be done, and that right speedily, or the community will wake up some windy morning, and find a fire gaining headway for the want of hose. If the credit of the city does not rise in the usual way, the "hydraulics" of Mr. Hessefross must be called into requisition. But gentlemen of the Common Council, do let us have some "dubbin" for our hose.

Our Commercial Reporter informs us that a demand for patriotism has been made of late, for the approaching election; but he desires us to state that according to all rules for commercial transactions, (as laid down in "Fistiana") supply must regulate demand, and as the supply in market will last for years to come, he can assign no good reason why the demand should be so great now, as some present holders would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity to sell out at reasonable prices to suit the times.—Buyers may rest assured that several cargoes of foreign importation are on the way to the country, when a sprightly competition is expected to take place in market, between the native and foreign manufacture. Those who profess to know something, speak in high terms of the invoices of foreign growth, while many who appear to know nothing of the ruling rates in foreign markets, speak disparagingly of the prices which are offered.

Since the 5th of May, 1853, a period of a little over two years, direct appropriations have been made for the several companies in the Department, amounting in the aggregate to forty-eight thousand, three hundred and eighty-six dollars.

Will the "Evening Journal" please inform us when the Phoenix Fire Company was admitted into the Department?

THEATRICAL.

The American Theatre this week has been the centre of attraction, and the popular manager, we are glad to know, is reaping a reward worthy of his industry. We have seldom seen a play put upon the stage with better effect, in every respect, than was Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors," on Thursday night. Each character was in appropriate hands and ably sustained. The high-spirited and apparently neglected Adriana was personated by Miss Keene in fine style, with that full flow of animation usual with her in similar characters, and showing a manifest improvement in her manner; for we must confess we think Miss K. has lately been somewhat careless in her impersonations. Messrs. Wheatleigh and Marden, as the brothers Antipholus, were very good, (a little more 'life,' and an occasional expression of countenance, however, by the latter named gentleman, would have given the character better effect.) As the Dromios, Smith and Leach were as like as two peas, in size, form, dress and action: they appeared to fine advantage. During the week Miss Julia Gould has won new laurels; she has been in excellent voice, and appears constantly to improve in her vocal attainments: her sweet ballads are listened to with pleasure, and always encored. Miss Emma Baker continues to grow in favor with the public.

The Metropolitan Theatre will re-open on Monday night, when the great tragic actress, Miss Davenport, will appear in her famed character of "Camille," supported by Messrs Booth, Ryer, Wilder, Hann, Hamilton, Mesdames Kent, Woodward, Hunt and others—a strong array of talent.

The Italian Opera House is open three nights each week, and is very well attended. As artists, the members of the company equal any we have seen. To-night a grand historical opera will be produced, with Madame Thorn as prima donna. Lovers of delightful melody, attend.

At the Musical Hall to-night, the Artists' Third Grand Masquerade Ball will be given.—These balls are well attended, admirably conducted, and afford a fund of amusement for the looker-on as well as those who partake in the dance. All who attend are delighted.

The Minstrels have returned, and will hold forth at their Hall to-night. A crowd will be there to see the popular "delineators."

The attention of the Fire Department is called to the fact that a cistern containing fifteen thousand gallons of water, is located in the rear of Col. J. D. Stevenson's house, on the south-west corner of California and Stockton streets. The cistern is located on the line of the former street, about fifty feet from the latter, a board fence separating it from the street. Any of the New York or Boston engines could draft from the above cistern, as they could be easily drawn up the hill. The importance of such a quantity of water being brought into immediate use in that neighborhood, would be incalculable.

The loss to the individual members of the Department, in clothing destroyed at the late fire on Sacramento street, will amount to about \$2500, which sum is a very moderate calculation.—From some unaccountable reason, several of the members appeared upon the ground at 5 o'clock, in fine broadcloth suits, entirely mal-apropos for that hour of the morning.

The ringing of the Hall Bell for the fire on Rincon Point on Friday morning, was excellent—better than it has ever been rung since its elevation. The sound fell clear and brisk on the air, and loud enough to raise the Seven Sleepers. That's the sort, Messrs. Bell Ringers; "keep up the shake, and there will be no cause for fault finding.

RULES FOR SELF GOVERNMENT.

BY A PRUDENT OLD GENTLEMAN.

Always sit next to the carver if you can at dinner.
Ask no woman her age.
Be civil to all rich uncles and aunts.
Never joke with a policeman.
Take no notes or gold with you to a Fancy Bazaar—nothing but silver.
Your oldest hat, of course, for an evening party.
Don't play at chess with a widow.
Never contradict a man who stutters.
Pull down the blind before you put on your wig.
Make friends with the steward on board a steamboat—there's no knowing how soon you may be placed in his power.
In every strange house it is as well to inquire where the brandy is kept—only think if you were taken ill in the middle of the night.
Never answer a crossing-sweeper. Pay him, or else pass quickly and silently on. One word, and you are lost.
Keep your own secrets. Tell no human being you dye your whiskers.
Never offend a butler—the wretch has too many chances of retaliation.
Write not one more letter than you can't help.
The man who keeps up a large correspondence is a martyr tied, not to the Stake, but to the Post.
Wind up your conduct, like your watch, once every day, examining minutely whether you are 'fast' or 'slow.'

OUR COMMERCIAL SUMMARY.

Since the departure of the Steamers of the 16th inst. for the east, there has been but little departure from former ruling rates. Business of every kind continues depressed. Money is tight, yet money is not the only thing that is tight—a good many men are in the same condition daily, owing to the tightness of affairs. Money is tight from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M., during bank hours. Men are so from one to ten P. M., and ten to one if many of them are not so after that time.

Rates of interest vary from principle, according to securities. Good paper without collaterals is stationary, and one can only realize upon securities a lone.

Since the Mint stopped coining, dust has circulated freely on the streets, even in the face and eyes of the inconvenience it put one to.—Yet this state of things must be tolerated until the present blow—that prostrates men and measures, sign-boards and hats—making the owners peculiarly suffer a loss thereby,—has passed over.

The Mint should be kept in operation. Every one here wants money, and must and will have it. Although most branches of the Federal Government are expensive institutions, yet the Mint is one by which Uncle Sam is bound to coin money.

Real estate is low, especially where the grades of the streets are above the house tops, and so high occasionally as not to be within reach—speculators fearing to touch, lest it should prove shaky during the present blow, which seems to overturn almost everything wherein an investment can be effected, consequently, from the falling and rising constantly going on in the streets, holders of property are afraid to let go, lest a general smash would follow, and they would not come out at the 'top of the heap,' which might prove ruinous to all.

In candles some light transactions have been made by small dealers, but large holders are as firm as adamant in prices.

Soap changes hands almost daily, and the quantity is gradually disappearing.

In Bacon some side operations have taken place during the week, in a manner that will prove fatal to the purchasers.

Brooms are scarce, and there is a good opportunity to fore-stall and sweep the market of this article.

Flour is (k) needed for daily consumption. A rise in this article can only affect a light market. Wheat is a grain higher than at last dates.—The demand for grinding has increased in consequence of large importations.

Dried Apples.—The quantity of this article in market has greatly swollen since the late rains. Beans are scarce; dealers have all sold to a large speculator, in order to 'raise the wind.'

NOTICE.

The undersigned respectfully inform the various Companies composing the Department, that they are prepared to supply them with all manner of blanks requisite for company purposes, at the most reasonable rates. They have also prepared a specimen Registry Book, which they would be pleased to exhibit to the officers of the various Companies.

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Via Nicaragua.

Our next Express for the Atlantic States and Europe, will be dispatched by the Nicaragua Steamship Co.'s steamer

PACIFIC,
Edgar Wakeman, Commander,
On Friday, June 1st, 1855.
At 9 o'clock, A. M.
In charge of a special messenger.

Treasure received for shipment (and insured) until 12 o'clock on Thursday night, May 31st, and small packages and parcels received until within one hour of the time of sailing. WELLS, FARGO & CO., m26
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At the bar thundered,
Thundered with fiercest din
Toppers one hundred.

There stood those thirsty men,
Thirsty one hundred;
Calling for drinks in vain,
The bartender slumbered;
Hark! there's a sound from one!
List how the curses come
From each and every one
Of that dry one hundred.

Into the bar they pitched,
Noble old toppers,
For up comes an order which
Pleased these old soakers;
"Forward, the Tight Brigade!"
Take the bar!—Muggins said.
Into it undismayed,
Pitched now each drunken blade—
Pitched the one hundred.

"Forward the Tight Brigade!"
Gods, what a charge they made!
No man was there afraid,
No person blundered.
Theirs but to drink their fill,
Theirs but to have a swill,
Theirs not to pay the bill,
Ah, yes, they knew it well,
Knowing one hundred!

Bottles to right of them,
Bottles to left of them,
Bottles in front of them,
Labelled and numbered;
Nobly they fought and well,
There many a hero fell,
Covered with blood and beer,
Beer that they loved so well,
Gallant one hundred.

Raised now each nose in air,
See what is under there,
Mugs charged with lager beer—
All the world wondered!
Fiercer the revel grows,
Redder each blazing nose,
Faster the liquor flows,
Under the table goes
Half of the hundred.

Bottles to right of them,
Bottles to left of them,
Bottles all round them,
Empty and sundried;
Out from that doleful room,
Out from that dark saloon,
Come forth a beery fume,
Come forth a dismal moan,
But none of the hundred.

When they awoke again,
O how their heads did pain—
No person wondered.
Honor to the Tight Brigade!
Honor the charge they made,
Thirsty one hundred.

The confusion on a certain uncertain railway
is such that there is scarcely a man that knows
his own station.

The Duke of Grammont was the most adroit
and witty courtier of his day. He entered one
day the closet of the Cardinal Mazarin without
being announced. His eminence was amusing
himself by jumping against the wall. To sur-
prise a prime minister in so boyish an occupa-
tion was dangerous. A less skillful courtier might
have stumbled and retired. But the duke entered
briskly and cried, "I'll bet you one hundred
crowns that I'll jump higher than your eminence."
And the duke and cardinal began
to jump for their lives. Grammont took
care to jump a few inches lower than the car-
dinal, and six months afterwards he was marshal
of France.

A man much addicted to snoring, remarked to
his bedfellow in the morning, "that he had slept
like a top." "I know it," said the other, "like a
humming top."

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Steamer NEW WORLD, SAMUEL SEYMOUR, Master;
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BY THE SACRAMENTO STEAMERS CONNECTING
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WEDNESDAYS, AND FRIDAYS.

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Office of the California Steam Navigation Co.,
San Francisco, January 1, 1855. a7

PACIFIC EXPRESS COMPANY

THE LATE EMPLOYEES OF ADAMS & CO. IN CON-
sequence of the disruption of that firm, have organized
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under the above name and title, for the purpose of con-
ducting a GENERAL EXPRESS AND FORWARDING
BUSINESS in all its branches, throughout California, Ore-
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The business will be strictly and solely a forwarding one,
having no connection with Banks or Bankers, and will be
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lar hours for Sacramento and the Northern Mines, Stock-
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ta Cruz, Monterey, San Pedro, and the Southern Coast gen-
erally, as well as to the Northern Coast of California and to
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every steamer.

The parties who have organized this Company are well
known in the community as old and experienced Express-
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understand their business thoroughly. They think they are
not saying too much when they attribute much of their
success of the late firm of Adams & Co., in the Express busi-
ness, to their exertions and personal energies.
In conclusion, they would solicit a fair share of the favors
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THE ABOVE ASSOCIATION, a Joint Stock Company
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FIFTY MAGNIFICENT PRIZES.

The following is the list of prizes offered in the above
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1—That splendid Three Story and Base-
ment BRICK DWELLING HOUSE and LOT, No. 3,
Waverly Place, lot 32 feet 1 inch front by 73 feet
deep; house 32 feet 1 inch by 45 feet deep, con-
taining 36 rooms; valued at \$30,000

2—A two story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE
and LOT on Chestnut street, corner of Emma; 20
feet front by 68 feet deep.

3—A splendid BRICK RESIDENCE and LOT on
the south-west corner of Spofford and Washington
streets. Lot 21 feet front by 60 feet deep.

4—A two story FRAME HOUSE, lathed
and plastered, and LOT on Dupont street. Lot 21 feet
front by 58 feet deep.

5—LOT on Filbert st. in the 50 vara lot No 790,
374 ft front by 1374 ft deep, with COTTAGE thereon.

6—Three story DWELLING HOUSE (first story
of brick) and LOT, on the south-east corner of
San Francisco and Clay streets, fronting 25 ft on Clay, and 74 ft
on Sand st; house lathed and plastered.

7—A two story and basement brick dwelling
HOUSE and LOT on the north side of Greenwich
st, commencing 200 feet west of the northwest cor-
ner of Dupont and Greenwich sts; 20 ft front by 90 ft deep.

8—A two and a half story cottage HOUSE and
LOT on the south side of Bush st, between Stockton
and Powell, fronting 23 feet on Bush st, and 65 feet 6
inches deep; hard finished.

9—A two story dwelling HOUSE and LOT on
Powell st, commencing 96 ft south of the southeast
cor. of Powell and Sutter; 39 ft front by 74 ft deep.

10—An elegant two story and basement brick
dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Pacific street, com-
mencing 96 ft 6 in. west of the southwest corner of
Powell and Pacific; 23 ft front by 60 ft deep.

11—A two story frame dwelling HOUSE and LOT
on the east side of Dupont street, between L. and
Greenwich; lot 40 feet front by 120 feet deep.

12—A three story splendid dwelling HOUSE and
LOT on the northeast corner of Powell and Clay
streets, 20 ft front on Powell street, by 60 ft deep.

13—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side
of Union st, between Kearny and Dupont sts, 20 ft
front by 60 deep.

14—A gented two story brick dwelling HOUSE
and LOT on the north side of Greenwich street,
commencing 100 feet west at the north-west corner
of Dupont and Greenwich, 20 ft front by 90 ft deep.

15—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Sutter street,
commencing 24 ft east of the south-east cor. of Pow-
ell and Sutter sts, 23 ft 6 in. front and 60 feet deep.

16—A two story HOUSE and LOT on the east
side of Pike street, commencing 23 ft 9 inches north
of the northeast corner of Pike and Sacramento
sts, 23 ft 9 in. front, by 36 ft 8 in. deep.

17—A two story basement and brick dwelling
HOUSE and LOT, commencing 47 ft 6 in. north of
the northeast corner of Sacramento and Pike sts,
21 ft 3 inches front by 36 ft 8 inches deep.

18—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Broadway bet
Taylor and Jones sts; lot 23 ft 6 in. by 60 feet deep.

19—A two story and basement HOUSE and LOT
on the south side of Vallejo street, bet. Kearny and
Dupont; 20 feet front by 60 feet deep.

20—An elegant two story and basement brick
dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the south side of
Washington street, commencing 21 feet west of the
south-west corner of Spofford and Washington sts,
lot 20 feet six inches front by 60 feet deep.

21—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Powell street,
commencing 60 feet south of the southeast cor. of
Powell and Sutter sts; 20 ft front by 47 ft 6 in. deep.

22—A three story splendid private RESIDENCE
and LOT on Powell st, commencing 20 feet north
of the northeast corner of Powell and Clay streets,
lot 20 feet front by 60 feet deep.

23—A neat cottage HOUSE and LOT on Steven-
son street near Third; 20 ft front by 70 ft deep.

24—A three story frame HOUSE and LOT on the
west side of Kearny st, bet. Broadway and Hink-
ley sts, lathed and plastered; lot 20 ft front, 62 ft deep

25—A three story dwelling HOUSE and LOT,
(first story of brick) on the west side of Spofford st,
commencing 104 ft 6 in. south of the southwest cor.
of Spofford and Washington streets, 33 feet front by
61 feet 9 inches deep.

26—Cottage HOUSE and LOT on the southwest
corner of Sacramento and Leavenworth sts; 374 ft
front by 56 feet deep.

27—A two story brick HOUSE and LOT on the
south-east corner of Hinkley street and Puckney
Place, 22 feet front by 30 feet deep.

28—A cottage HOUSE and LOT adjoining the
last on the East, 18 ft front on Hinkley st, 30 ft deep

29—A cottage House and Lot, the same as the
last, on the East.

30—A splendid two story and basement brick dwelling
HOUSE and LOT on Washington st, commencing
41 ft 6 in. west of the south-west corner of Spofford
and Washington sts, fronting 20 ft 3 inches on
Washington st, by 60 feet deep.

31—An elegant building LOT on Spofford street,
commencing 64 feet 6 inches south of the south-west
corner of Spofford and Washington sts, fronting 20
feet by 61 feet 3 inches deep.

32—A LOT adjoining on the south, same dimen-
sions as the last.

33—A splendid two story brick dwelling HOUSE
and LOT on the north side of Greenwich st, com-
mencing 80 feet west of the northwest corner of Du-
pont and Greenwich; lot 20 ft front by 90 ft deep.

34—An elegant building LOT on the south-east
corner of Sutter and Powell sts, fronting 24 feet on
Sutter st by 69 feet on Powell st.

35—A splendid building LOT on the east side of
Powell st, commencing 80 ft south of the south-east
cor. of Powell and Sutter sts, 18 ft front by 47 ft deep.

36—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Read st, bet.
Clay and Washington; lot 20 ft front by 60 ft deep.

37—A two story HOUSE and LOT on east side
of Dupont street, between Pine and Bush, No 286;
lot 20 by 60 feet.

38—A two story dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the
north side of Pacific street, between Dupont and
Stockton; lot 20 feet front by 65 feet deep.

39—A splendid three story dwelling HOUSE and
LOT on the northeast corner of Sacramento and
Pike streets; 23 ft front by 36 ft 8 inches deep.

40—A splendid two story and basement brick
dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Third street, between
Bryant and Harrison, 25 feet front by 75 feet deep.

41—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side
of Union st, between Mason and Powell, in 50 vara
lot No 395; 20 feet by 75 feet in depth.

42—A splendid building LOT on the southwest
corner of Washington and Priest sts, 31 ft on Wash-
ington st, by 37 ft 6 inches on Priest street.

43—Cottage HOUSE and LOT on Mission st, 90 ft
east of the southeast corner of Johnson and Mission
streets, 25 feet by 160 feet.

44—A splendid two story HOUSE and LOT in 50
vara lot No. 607, between Broadway and Pacific st,
23 feet by 133 feet 6 inches.

45—A gented two story brick HOUSE and LOT
on Dupont street, commencing 131 ft 8 in. north of
the north-west corner of Dupont and Greenwich sts;
21 feet 8 inch es by 80 feet in depth,

46—A neat cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south
side of Union st, between Mason and Powell sts, in
50 vara lot No 395; 20 feet by 75 feet. 1,800
47—A two story HOUSE and LOT on Priest st,
77 ft 6 inches south of the south-west corner of
Washington and Priest streets; 20 feet by 60 feet. 1,500
48—A gented cottage HOUSE and LOT on the
south side of Union st, bet. Mason and Powell sts,
in 50 vara lot No 395; 20 ft by 75 feet. 2,200
49—HOUSE and LOT on Priest st, commencing
57 ft 6 inches south of the south-west cor. of Wash-
ington and Priest sts; 20 feet by 60 feet. 1,900
50—A splendid two story brick dwelling HOUSE
and LOT on Dupont st, commencing 133 feet 6 in.
north of the north-west corner of Dupont and Green-
wich sts, 21 ft 9 in. by 80 ft deep. 6,000

Total \$250,000

It is to be understood as a condition annexed to the sale
Shares in the above Association, that in case the prop-
erty mentioned in the above list of Prizes is not conveyed
to the respective winners of the same, free and clear from
all incumbrances thereon, then they are to receive in cash
the same amount that we were to pay the owner of the
property. In order also to assure the public of the good
faith of the Agents of this Association, and also prevent
any fraud in the management of the same, the aggregate
amount of said prizes will be deposited by us in the Bank-
ing Houses of LUCAS TURNER & CO. and B. DAVIDSON,
to be drawn by checks signed by us, and payable to the
order of each respective winner by name, who, on the en-
dorsement of said check, will receive the deed of the prop-
erty mentioned in his respective Prize. And to prove, as
far as lies in our power, that this Association is all that we
have represented, we beg leave to add, that the above list
of Prizes is advertised only with the knowledge and by the
consent of every property owner, and that we are acting
as Agents for the Association.

A meeting of the Shareholders will be called a week
previous to the Drawing of the Prizes, to choose a com-
mittee to determine the mode of Distribution, which will
take place on or before the 1st of May.

Plans of the above list of Prizes can be seen at the office
of the Association, where the public is most respectfully
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